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SUMMARY. ON JULY 30 JCP MAKE ITS THIRD CALL IN AS MANY WEEKS FOR A POPULAR UNITED FRONT WITHOUT REFERENCE TO POLITICAL PARTIES. WE DOUBT THAT PROPOSAL WILL FLY AND, ALONG WITH MOST HERE, INTERPRET JCP POPULAR FRONT URGINGS AS SING OF WEAKNESS RATHER THAN STRENGTH. END SUMMARY.

1. JCP CHAIRMAN KENJI MIYAMOTO AT JULY 30 PRESS CONFERENCE CALLED AGAIN FOR POPULAR UNITED FRONT WITHOUT REFERENCE TO POLITICAL PARTIES MIYAMOTO LISTED AS SUITABLE THEMES FOR UNITED FRONT ACTION OPPOSITION TO LDP'S BIG BUSINESS BIAS, OPPOSITION TO MUTUAL SECURITY TREATY, AND INCORPORATION OF JAPAN'S THREE NON-NUCLEAR PRINCIPLES INTO LEGISLATION. IN ADDITIONA, HE SUGGESTED POPULAR FRONT ACTION TO UNIFY "BAN-THE"BOMB" MOVEMENTS, TO OPPOSE SINGLE CONSTITUENCY
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ELECTION SYSTEM AND TO ELIMINATE PORNOGRAPHY.

2. COMMENT. THIS IS THIRD JCP CALL FOR POPULAR UNITED FRONT ACTION IN AS MANY WEEKS. MIYAMOTO FIRST MENTIONED IT IN JULY 15 PARTY ANNIVERSARY/SPEECH, IT WAS REITERATED BY JCP DEPUTY CHAIRMAN SENAGA JULY 21 AT SOHYO CONVENTION AND FLESHED OUT BY MIYAMOTO YESTERDAY. ALONG WITH MOST OBSERVERS HERE, WE VIEW JCP EMPHASIS ON POPULAR FRONT TACTIC AS EFFORT TO DRAW ATTENTION AWAY FROM RECENT ELECTION SETBACKS AND JCP'S RELATIVELY ISOLATED POSITION AMONG OPPOSITION PARTIES. THEN YEAR JCP AGREEMENT WITH SOKA GAKKAI ANNOUNCED JULY 28 (REFTEL), FOR EXAMPLE, CAN BE INTERPRETED AS IMPORTANT STEP TOWARD POPULAR FRONT AND REDUCING JCP POLITICAL ISOLATION. BUT, ALONG WITH MOST OTHERS HERE, WE BELIEVE THAT CHANGES OF JCP SUCCESS WITH UNITED FRONT NOTION ARE SLIM AND PROPOSAL ITSELF REFLECTS WEAKNESS RATHER THAN STRENGTH OF JCP.
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